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(b) whether the Government later altered the qualifications of candidates by prescribing a minimum of 35 per cent marks in each of the specified subjects for the S.S.L.C. Examinations;

(c) whether it is a fact that several candidates who sat for and succeeded in the Public Services Commission Examination are now disqualified under the new rules; and

(d) whether the Government will consider the cases of the candidates who passed in the Public Services Commission Examinations prior to the alteration of the rules and permit their entertainment in Government service?

A.—(a) Yes, on the assumption that the hon. Member is referring to the competitive examination held by the Madras Services Commission for clerkships and to eligibility for admission to the University courses of study.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Government have already passed a rule protecting the candidates referred to by the hon. Member.

Administration of Justice

Confirmation of District Munsifs.

* 215 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the High Court has sent up proposals for the confirmation of district munsifs who are acting;

(b) if so, what the nature, scope and effect of the proposals are and when the proposals were received by the Government;

(c) what action the Government have taken on the recommendations of the High Court and whether any orders have been passed; and

(d) if so, whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the table of the House and, if not, what the reason is for the delay?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) Appointments and confirmations of District Munsifs are made by the High Court. In 1931 the High Court brought to the notice of the Government that the Accountant-General objected to the suspension of lien of certain officiating Sub-Judges and the provisional confirmation of acting District Munsifs in consequence ordered by the High Court, on the ground that they were inadmissible under the audit instruction under Fundamental Rule 13. The hon. Member presumably refers to this. If so, the question was carefully considered by Government in consultation with the High Court and the Accountant-General and orders have been passed in G.O. No. 2966, Law (General), dated 5th September 1933, a copy of which is laid on the table.[a]

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member how many Munsifs have since been confirmed as a result of the orders issued by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The confirmation of Munsifs depends entirely upon the High Court. So I am not in a position to answer that question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether these Munsifs have put in long years of service—5 and 6 years—and are yet to be confirmed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether the Government will be pleased to bring this matter to the notice of the High Court?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir. The High Court is expected to know its own functions."

Prisons and Prisoners

Alleged ill-health of Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, Jivan Lall Chatterjee and Benoyendra Nath Roy Chowdhury in Rajahmundry Jail.

* 216 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that three Bengali State prisoners, namely, Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, Jivan Lall Chatterjee and Benoyendra Nath Roy Chowdhury who are now detained in the Rajahmundry Central Jail are suffering from various complicated ailments;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh was brought to Madras last month for examination and diagnosis conducted at the Madras General Hospital;

(*c*) if so,

(i) the details of the present condition of his health such as the complications, weight and temperature;

(ii) the result of such examination; and

(iii) findings of the examination as to the diagnosis;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that while Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh was detained in the Trichinopoly Central Jail he was suffering from chronic dysentery and whether after examination by the Medical Officer there it was recommended to the Government for his examination by specialists as it was suspected to be a case of intestinal tuberculosis; and

(*e*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in that direction?